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Missouri Labor Market Review

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Missouri employment continued to climb in April, and unemployment fell sharply for the second straight month. Improving seasonal conditions were primarily responsible for bringing the state's unemployment rate down to 6.8 percent.

About 163,900 Missourians were jobless in April, 13,000 fewer than in March. The rate dropped six-tenths of a point from March and is now 1.6 percentage points below the February rate.

Total employment increased by 46,900 between March and April to 2,258,600, a new high level for the state. Although most of the increase of 110,000 that has taken place since January is the result of the usual spring improvement, there does appear to have been some increase in employment in excess of the seasonal. The trend in total employment has been upward since the latter part of last year, following several months which employment seemed to be on a plateau. About 55,100 more Missourians are employed now than a year ago.

Nonfarm payroll employment has grown more slowly than total employment, as manufacturing employment has proved somewhat of a drag on the growth of wage and salary employment in the state. Nonagricultural wage and salary employment grew by 20,800 jobs in April, all but 500 of which came from the nonmanufacturing industries, especially retail trade, services, and construction. There has been little underlying movement in manufacturing employment in the past year, while the nonmanufacturing industries have grown by 28,000 jobs, mostly in state and local government, services, and retail trade.

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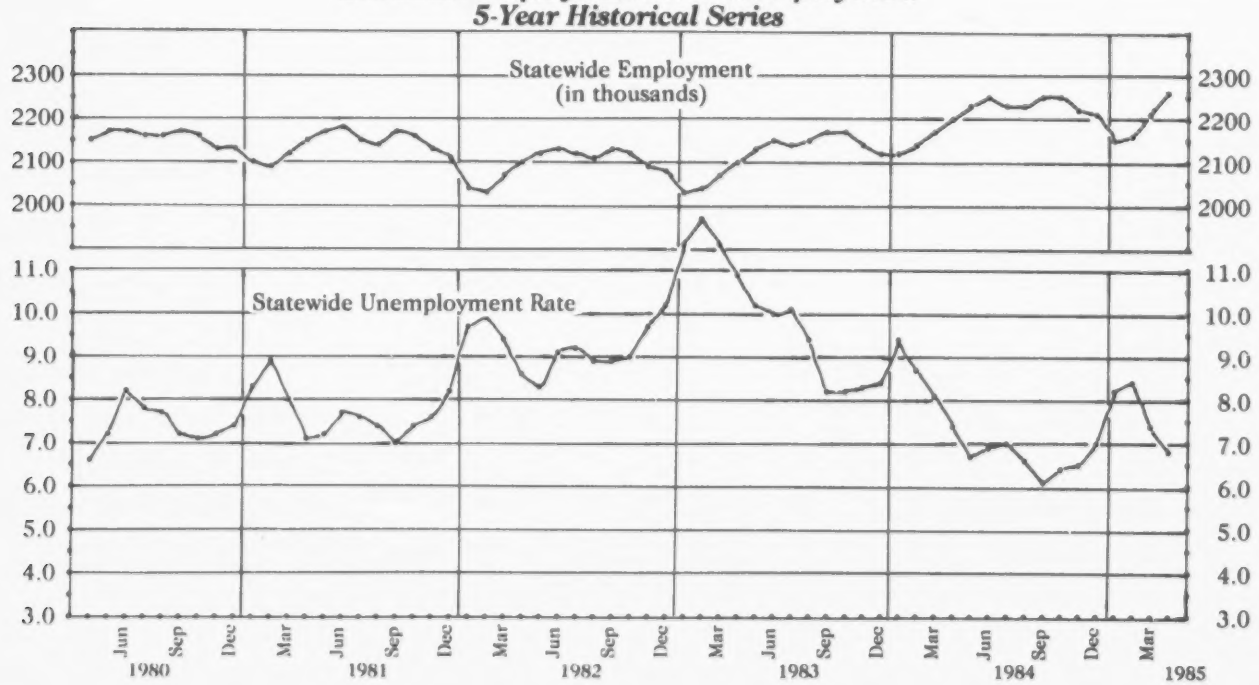

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COUNTY/LABOR MARKET AREA	CURRENT MONTH - APR 1985 (PRELIMINARY)				PREVIOUS MONTH - MAR 1985 (REVISED)				ONE YEAR AGO - APR 1984 (BENCHMARKED 1984)			
	CLF	EMP	UNEMP	RATE	CLF	EMP	UNEMP	RATE	CLF	EMP	UNEMP	RATE
STATEWIDE	2422464	2258555	163909	6.8	2388631	2211703	176928	7.4	2380541	2203495	177046	7.4
ST. LOUIS MSA	1183700	1091800	91900	7.8	1169553	1079951	89602	7.7	1161938	1063196	98742	8.5
KANSAS CITY MSA	750423	715501	34922	4.7	743157	704669	38488	5.2	734280	691837	42443	5.8
SPRINGFIELD MSA	118175	111971	6204	5.2	117614	111457	6157	5.2	118121	111876	6245	5.3
COLUMBIA MSA	60805	58465	2340	3.8	60229	57488	2741	4.6	58866	56475	2391	4.1
JOPLIN MSA	59916	56048	3868	6.5	60193	56121	4072	6.8	58305	54309	3996	6.9
ST. JOSEPH MSA	41792	38928	2864	6.9	42148	38874	3274	7.8	43253	39721	3532	8.2
ADAIR/SCHUYLER LMA	16368	15346	1022	6.2	16225	15043	1182	7.3	16814	15555	1259	7.5
ANDREW	6462	6156	306	4.7	6258	5867	391	6.2	6363	5861	502	7.9
ATCHISON	4160	3944	216	5.2	4071	3773	298	7.3	4474	3946	528	11.8
AUDRAIN	11230	9965	1265	11.3	11059	9795	1264	11.4	11085	10263	822	7.4
BARRY	12040	11217	823	6.8	11894	11052	842	7.1	11207	10471	736	6.6
BARTON	5093	4895	198	3.9	4934	4710	224	4.5	5079	4869	210	4.1
BATES	7751	7258	493	6.4	7483	6977	506	6.8	7599	7081	518	6.8
BENTON	5511	5162	349	6.3	5361	4847	514	9.6	5242	4736	506	9.7
BOLLINGER	3266	2771	495	15.2	3317	2730	587	17.7	3188	2584	604	18.9
BUTLER	16961	15167	1794	10.6	16521	14452	2069	12.5	16377	14504	1873	11.4
CALDWELL	3672	3462	210	5.7	3577	3330	247	6.9	3673	3410	263	7.2
CALLAWAY	18635	17291	1344	7.2	18190	16782	1408	7.7	20344	19031	1313	6.5
CAMDEN	14225	13400	825	5.8	13041	11981	1060	8.1	12468	11563	905	7.3
CAPE GIRARDEAU	32834	31197	1637	5.0	32481	30681	1800	5.5	30940	29158	1782	5.8
CARROLL	4557	4255	302	6.6	4555	4166	389	8.5	4666	4227	439	9.4
CARTER	2857	2551	306	10.7	2768	2415	353	12.8	2965	2666	299	10.1
CEDAR	4510	4070	440	9.8	4335	3931	404	9.3	4517	4147	370	8.2
CHARITON	4940	4667	273	5.5	4795	4406	389	8.1	4905	4613	292	6.0
CLARK	3370	2994	376	11.2	3269	2835	434	13.3	3235	2903	332	10.3
CLINTON	7716	7256	460	6.0	7541	7010	531	7.0	7486	7009	477	6.4
COLE/OSAGE LMA	38027	35793	2234	5.9	37686	35344	2342	6.2	36369	33957	2412	6.6
COOPER	7183	6674	509	7.1	6962	6388	574	8.2	6846	6359	487	7.1
CRAWFORD	7612	6873	739	9.7	7687	6729	958	12.5	7564	6862	702	9.3
DADE	3762	3592	170	4.5	3697	3539	158	4.3	3806	3641	165	4.3
DALLAS	4930	4528	402	8.2	4769	4337	432	9.1	4477	4054	423	9.4
DAVIESS	3165	2981	184	5.8	3118	2851	267	8.6	3155	2823	332	10.5
DEKALB	3711	3489	222	6.0	3617	3345	272	7.5	3324	3076	248	7.5
DENT	6360	5766	594	9.3	6075	5463	612	10.1	5977	5346	631	10.6
DOUGLAS	4657	4016	641	13.8	4601	3871	730	15.9	4628	4229	399	8.6
DUNKLIN	13135	11412	1723	13.1	12993	11112	1881	14.5	13193	11571	1622	12.3
GASCONADE	6914	6483	431	6.2	6809	6354	455	6.7	6989	6564	425	6.1
GENTRY	4017	3883	134	3.3	3804	3629	175	4.6	4008	3790	218	5.4
GRUNDY	5355	4956	399	7.5	5294	4973	321	6.1	5159	4717	442	8.6
HARRISON	5219	4961	258	4.9	4911	4609	302	6.1	5051	4662	389	7.7
HENRY	9613	9060	553	5.8	9496	8828	668	7.0	9222	8579	643	7.0
HICKORY	2655	2459	196	7.4	2504	2306	198	7.9	2351	2107	244	10.4
HOLT	3220	3112	108	3.4	3201	2969	232	7.2	3322	3093	229	6.9
HOWARD	4765	4457	308	6.5	4712	4361	351	7.4	4740	4446	294	6.2
HOWELL	13694	12390	1304	9.5	13626	11979	1647	12.1	13357	12115	1242	9.3
IRON	4025	3260	765	19.0	4069	3261	808	19.9	4479	3775	704	15.7
JOHNSON	16765	16176	589	3.5	16462	15832	630	3.8	16339	15623	716	4.4
KNOX	2368	2139	229	9.7	2331	2064	267	11.5	2504	2222	282	11.3
LACLEDE	12032	10912	1120	9.3	11666	10596	1070	9.2	11187	10354	833	7.4
LAWRENCE	12739	11767	972	7.6	12652	11653	999	7.9	12403	11376	1027	8.3

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LEWIS	5687	5215	472	8.3	5678	5147	531	9.4	5504	4919	585	10.6
LINCOLN	10638	9796	842	7.9	10612	9707	905	8.5	10040	9056	984	9.8
LINN	7833	7333	500	6.4	7625	7008	617	8.1	7842	7202	640	8.2
LIVINGSTON	6619	6107	512	7.7	6560	5942	618	9.4	6801	6097	704	10.4
MACON	7421	6878	543	7.3	7252	6647	605	8.3	6956	6406	550	7.9
MADISON	3807	3297	510	13.4	3744	3221	523	14.0	3812	3308	504	13.2
MARIES	3141	2880	261	8.3	3034	2657	377	12.4	2613	2353	260	10.0
MARION/RALLS LMA	17955	16598	1357	7.6	17783	15856	1927	10.8	18175	16374	1801	9.9
MCDONALD	5671	5247	424	7.5	5439	5042	397	7.3	5647	5205	442	7.8
MERCER	1794	1691	103	5.7	1746	1624	122	7.0	1890	1723	167	8.8
MILLER	10798	9748	1050	9.7	10440	9001	1439	13.8	10554	9470	1084	10.3
MISSISSIPPI	6618	5848	770	11.6	6810	5738	1072	15.7	6422	5634	788	12.3
MONITEAU	4803	4385	418	8.7	4740	4226	514	10.8	4869	4398	471	9.7
MONROE	4662	4387	275	5.9	4540	4202	338	7.4	4752	4448	304	6.4
MONTGOMERY	5366	4833	533	9.9	5294	4717	577	10.9	5430	5022	408	7.5
MORGAN	5937	5440	497	8.4	5746	5065	681	11.9	5826	5310	516	8.9
NEW MADRID	11594	10422	1172	10.1	11377	10184	1193	10.5	11264	10196	1068	9.5
NODAWAY	11039	10625	414	3.8	10736	10187	549	5.1	10617	10065	552	5.2
OREGON	3215	2768	447	13.9	3152	2674	478	15.2	3025	2686	339	11.2
OZARK	4385	4040	345	7.9	4198	3768	430	10.2	4143	3797	346	8.4
PEMISCOT	8381	7549	832	9.9	8324	7368	956	11.5	8189	7141	1048	12.8
PERRY	7088	6617	471	6.6	6941	6369	572	8.2	7030	6480	550	7.8
PETTIS	17223	15763	1460	8.5	16799	15368	1431	8.5	16325	15023	1302	8.0
PHELPS	16005	15020	985	6.2	15866	14735	1131	7.1	15643	14545	1098	7.0
PIKE	6790	6012	778	11.5	6726	5818	908	13.5	7120	6303	817	11.5
POLK	9516	8623	893	9.4	9264	8674	590	6.4	8851	8383	468	5.3
PULASKI	9194	8481	713	7.8	9013	8116	897	10.0	8970	8282	688	7.7
PUTNAM	2800	2620	180	6.4	2703	2502	201	7.4	3039	2750	289	9.5
RANDOLPH	11888	11065	823	6.9	11762	10860	902	7.7	11646	10813	833	7.2
REYNOLDS	2212	1803	409	18.5	2137	1679	458	21.4	2501	2078	423	16.9
RIPLEY	3397	2976	421	12.4	3351	2845	506	15.1	3291	2837	454	13.8
SALINE	14218	13603	615	4.3	14038	13311	727	5.2	13819	13096	723	5.2
SCOTLAND	2432	2274	158	6.5	2374	2208	166	7.0	2373	2204	169	7.1
SCOTT	17229	15734	1495	8.7	17139	15449	1690	9.9	17292	15444	1648	10.7
SHANNON	2914	2472	442	15.2	2899	2378	521	18.0	3282	2680	602	18.3
SHELBY	3226	3035	191	5.9	3218	2938	280	8.7	3240	2997	243	7.5
ST. CLAIR	3922	3676	246	6.3	3741	3527	214	5.7	3788	3501	287	7.6
ST. FRANCOIS	19965	18006	1959	9.8	19302	17274	2028	10.5	20244	18085	2159	10.7
STE. GENEVIEVE	5975	5460	515	8.6	6014	5414	600	10.0	5760	5170	590	10.2
STODDARD	12926	11777	1149	8.9	12850	11398	1452	11.3	12641	11186	1455	11.5
STONE	8732	7548	1184	13.6	7146	5773	1373	19.2	7260	6309	951	13.1
SULLIVAN	3403	3173	230	6.8	3332	3068	264	7.9	3566	3232	334	9.4
TANEY	15817	14389	1428	9.0	13615	11409	2206	16.2	13454	12033	1421	10.6
TEXAS	8096	6952	1144	14.1	8126	6867	1259	15.5	8086	7173	913	11.3
VERNON	9610	9096	514	5.3	9567	8997	570	6.0	9688	9103	585	6.0
WARREN	7110	6668	442	6.2	7078	6565	513	7.2	6236	5649	587	9.4
WASHINGTON	4605	3559	1046	22.7	4662	3595	1067	22.9	4621	3687	934	20.2
WAYNE	4413	3849	564	12.8	4314	3658	656	15.2	4390	3697	693	15.8
WEBSTER	8645	7839	806	9.3	8280	7454	826	10.0	7390	6688	702	9.5
WORTH	1139	1084	55	4.8	1123	1039	84	7.5	1123	1037	86	7.7
WRIGHT	7362	6499	863	11.7	7229	6350	879	12.2	7581	6840	741	9.8

Table 2. Nonagricultural Wage & Salary Employment, Hours and Earnings
Missouri (Statewide)
April, 1985

Industry Title	All Employees (In Thousands)			Production Workers								
				Average Weekly Earnings			Average Weekly Hours			Average Hourly Earnings		
	Curr. Mo.	Prev. Mo.	1 Yr. Ago	Curr. Mo.	Prev. Mo.	1 Yr. Ago	Curr. Mo.	Prev. Mo.	1 Yr. Ago	Curr. Mo.	Prev. Mo.	1 Yr. Ago
Total Non-Agri. Employment	2041.0	2020.2	2011.7									
Total Manufacturing	432.3	431.8	431.2	382.00	382.55	380.59	40.0	40.1	42.5	9.55	9.54	9.26
Durable Goods	248.8	248.3	245.9	423.54	425.38	427.55	41.2	41.5	42.5	10.28	10.25	10.06
Lumber & Wood Products	10.7	10.7	10.3	235.68	229.22	229.49	38.7	37.7	38.7	6.09	6.08	5.93
Furniture & Fixtures	11.3	11.2	10.7	296.38	302.46	286.50	42.1	42.6	39.3	7.04	7.10	7.29
Stone, Clay & Glass Prod.	10.6	10.3	11.2	435.93	436.38	439.81	42.2	42.0	42.7	10.33	10.39	10.30
Cement, Hydraulic	1.0	1.0	1.0	538.10	536.35	748.68	39.8	39.7	47.9	13.52	13.51	15.63
Structural Clay Prod.	2.1	2.2	2.4	461.64	449.69	441.28	39.9	38.7	39.4	11.57	11.62	11.20
Primary Metal Industries	13.5	13.7	13.9	440.19	446.31	462.79	40.2	40.5	41.1	10.95	11.02	11.26
Iron & Steel Foundries	2.0	2.0	2.0	341.05	358.50	364.63	38.8	40.6	42.3	8.79	8.83	8.62
Nonferrous Foundries	3.2	3.2	3.0	329.85	336.48	349.86	41.7	42.7	42.0	7.91	7.88	8.33
Fabricated Metal Products	28.4	28.4	27.9	386.22	384.48	395.96	40.4	40.6	41.9	9.56	9.47	9.45
Fabricated Structural Metal Prod.	10.8	10.8	10.3	366.62	370.98	385.93	40.2	40.5	41.1	9.12	9.16	9.39
Machinery Exc. Electrical	31.7	31.5	32.4	392.63	395.20	396.73	39.7	40.7	40.4	9.89	9.71	9.82
Electrical & Electronic Equipment	51.6	51.7	49.5	381.71	381.20	364.37	41.0	41.3	41.5	9.31	9.23	8.78
Transportation Equipment	72.3	72.2	71.2	592.65	595.79	592.41	43.9	44.1	46.5	13.50	13.51	12.74
Motor Vehicles & Equip.	32.8	32.9	33.4	624.72	627.46	633.18	45.5	45.8	49.7	13.73	13.70	12.74
Instruments & Related Prod.	11.9	11.8	11.8	275.09	288.23	318.72	38.8	40.2	41.5	7.09	7.17	7.68
Misc. Mfg. Inds.	6.9	6.8	6.9	233.77	239.73	266.40	35.8	36.6	40.0	6.53	6.55	6.66
Nondurable Goods	183.5	183.4	185.3	327.55	325.46	323.90	38.4	38.2	39.5	8.53	8.52	8.20
Food & Kindred Products	44.3	44.5	44.4	380.69	374.75	393.30	40.2	39.2	42.2	9.47	9.56	9.32
Meat Products & Preserved Fruits & Vegetables	11.8	11.9	11.4	260.83	252.79	270.51	39.4	37.9	42.4	6.62	6.67	6.38
Dairy Products	6.2	6.2	6.3	390.27	393.34	424.57	42.1	41.8	45.8	9.27	9.41	9.27
Grain Mill Products	7.0	7.1	7.2	417.59	400.36	419.58	40.9	39.6	42.0	10.21	10.21	9.99
Bakery Products	5.1	5.2	5.4	365.04	372.13	370.97	36.0	37.4	37.7	10.14	9.95	9.84
Beverages	10.1	10.0	9.8	595.95	590.73	592.02	41.1	40.6	41.4	14.50	14.55	14.30

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Other Food & Kindred	4.0	4.0	4.3	398.13	392.19	412.55	41.3	38.3	42.4	9.64	10.24	9.73
Textile & Apparel	24.9	25.1	26.8	189.26	193.48	190.81	34.6	35.5	35.8	5.47	5.45	5.33
Paper & Allied Products	13.5	13.4	13.2	375.96	375.36	363.45	40.6	40.8	40.7	9.26	9.20	8.93
Paperboard Cont. & Boxes	6.7	6.6	6.6	394.78	400.37	368.42	41.6	42.1	40.8	9.49	9.51	9.03
Printing & Publishing	40.1	40.2	39.1	362.60	369.68	362.70	37.0	37.8	37.9	9.80	9.78	9.57
Commercial Printing	12.7	12.8	12.3	425.62	438.75	425.42	39.3	40.7	39.5	10.83	10.78	10.77
Chemicals & Allied	29.7	29.5	28.4	451.26	448.13	434.66	41.4	41.0	42.2	10.90	10.93	10.30
Leather & Leather Products	17.9	17.6	20.0	186.94	181.15	197.47	34.3	33.3	36.5	5.45	5.44	5.41
Footwear Exc. Rubber	14.5	14.1	15.7	180.20	176.09	192.42	34.0	33.1	35.9	5.30	5.32	5.36
Total Nonmanufacturing	1608.7	1588.4	1580.5									
Mining	6.3	6.1	5.8									
Construction	79.3	75.1	79.2									
Transportation & Public Util.	133.9	133.7	133.8									
Railroad Transportation	12.9	12.9	13.1									
Transportation (Exc. R.R.)	69.5	69.3	68.8									
Communications	51.6	51.5	51.8									
Wholesale & Retail Trade	482.5	475.7	476.4									
Wholesale Trade	131.1	131.0	130.8									
Retail Trade	351.5	344.7	345.7									
Finance, Insurance & Real Estate	115.0	113.9	113.8									
Services	444.3	437.8	434.7									
Government	347.4	345.9	336.7									
Federal Government	70.0	70.3	69.1									
State & Local Government	277.4	275.6	267.6									

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Hours and earnings of manufacturing production workers were little changed in April. The factory workweek was down by one-tenth of an hour to an even 40 hours, while average hourly earnings were up by 1 cent to $9.55. Compared to April 1983, the workweek is down by 1.1 hours. This drop has limited the over-the-year gain in average weekly earnings to about 0.4 percent. The current average is $382.00.

National Economic and Labor Market Conditions

National labor market conditions in April were much the same as in March. The seasonally adjusted civilian unemployment rate has been 7.3 percent for the past three months and has shown little change since last Fall. (The not seasonally adjusted rate, which is more nearly comparable to the Missouri rate, was 7.1 percent in April, down from 7.5 percent in March.) Total civilian employment was little changed in April, while nonfarm payroll employment grew by 215,000 jobs, on a seasonally adjusted basis, to 96.7 million. Gains in construction and services accounted for much of the total increase.

Economic growth in the first quarter of 1985 was even slower than originally estimated. Latest revisions of the Gross National Product figures place the growth of the nation's production of goods and services at only a 0.7 percent annual rate in the quarter, down from the earlier estimate of 1.3 percent. Increasing foreign trade problems have been implicated in the sluggish performance, as total spending has apparently remained strong enough to keep employment and unemployment steady.

Outlook

Most analysts believe the economy has picked up steam from its first quarter doldrums. Increased spending resulting from tax refunds and lower interest rates are expected to add to growth in the current quarter. Some further seasonal improvements in employment and unemployment are the norm for Missouri in May, but the magnitude of the improvements should be substantially less than in the previous two months. Other than seasonal changes (which include a large increase in unemployment in June), economic growth should lead to employment growth sufficiently large to absorb growth in the labor force and prevent increases in unemployment.

Table 3. Selected Economic Statistics Related To Manpower Developments Missouri — April, 1985

Item	Current Mo. (Preliminary)	1 Mo. Ago (Revised)	1Yr. Ago (Revised)	Net Change To Current Month From:	
				1 Mo. Ago	1 Yr. Ago
Total Civilian Labor Force (No. of Workers)	2,422,500	2,388,600	2,380,500	33,900	42,800
Total Employed	2,258,600	2,211,700	2,203,500	46,900	55,100
Total Unemployed	163,900	176,900	177,300	-13,000	-13,100
Unemployment Rate (% of CLF)	6.8	7.4	7.4	-0.6	-0.6
Nonagricultural Wage & Salary Employment					
Except Comestics (No. of Jobs)	2,041,000	2,020,200	2,011,700	20,800	29,300
Manufacturing	432,300	431,800	431,200	500	1,100
Durable Goods	248,800	248,300	245,900	500	2,900
Nondurable Goods	183,500	183,400	185,300	100	-1,800
Nonmanufacturing	1,608,700	1,588,400	1,580,500	20,300	28,200
State Initial Claims (Wkly Avg.)	7,658	7,315	7,165	343	493
State Insured Unemployment (Wkly Avg.)	46,651	56,705	44,968	-10,054	1,683
Insured Unemployment Rate	2.5	3.1	2.6	-0.6	-0.1
Exhaustions (State U.I.)	4,218	4,316	5,159	-98	-941
Amount of Benefits Paid	$17,067,143	$21,256,530	$13,870,387	-$4,189,387	-$3,196,764
State U.I.	16,776,468	20,919,613	13,555,037	-4,143,145	3,221,431
UCFE	133,159	158,562	165,005	-25,403	-31,846
UCX	157,516	178,355	150,337	-20,839	7,179

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Kansas City Labor Market Review

The Kansas City Metropolitan Statistical Area (MSA) includes Jackson, Cass, Clay, Lafayette, Platte and Ray counties in Missouri and Johnson, Wyandotte, Leavenworth and Miami counties in Kansas. The 1980 population for the MSA has been published at 1,433,458 persons by the U.S. Bureau of the Census.

April, 1985

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The Area's unemployment rate dropped below the five per cent level for the second time in more than five years. The Area's unemployment rate fell to 4.7 per cent of the labor force in April 1985, a tenth of a percentage point below the previous low point reached in September 1984. Continued reductions in the number of unemployed, coupled with strong gains in seasonal employment, contributed to half of a percentage drop in the unemployment rate. The civilian labor force grew to 750,400, adding 7,200 persons over-the-month and 16,100 more than last year at this time. Similarly, civilian employment showed a gain of 10,800 over-the-month and 23,700 over year ago levels. In addition to gains in Agriculture, Nonagricultural Wage and Salaried Employment registered its strongest gains in Services, Retail Trade and Construction. Together these three sectors accounted for 80 per cent of the monthly gain.

Wage and salaried employment in April 1985 was 673,700, up by 5,600 from the March 1985 total of 668,100. The over-the-month increase in payroll employment was led primarily by seasonal growth in the nonmanufacturing sector. Increased activities in commercial sports and recreational services accounted for the bulk of the increase of 2,600 jobs in Services. Employment gains in eating and drinking establishments contributed to the Retail Trade sector producing 1,000 jobs. Construction continued to show substantial increases with 900 additional jobs. The Government sector showed no change over-the-month as moderate gains of 400 jobs in State and Local Government were completely offset by losses within the Federal sector as temporary tax processors were laid off. Elsewhere in nonmanufacturing, moderate advances were recorded in Finance, Insurance and Real Estate and Wholesale Trade. Overall these movements within nonmanufacturing resulted in a net over-the-month gain of 5,100 jobs.

The Manufacturing sector showed a moderate gain of 500 jobs over-the-month as a result of gains in Durable Goods being partially offset by losses within the Nondurable Goods industries. Machinery, which had sustained substantial losses within the Nondurable Goods industries. Machinery, which had sustained substantial losses over the previous year, showed its first significant gain in 12 months. Led by farm and garden equipment, Machinery recovered 400 new jobs over-the-month. Among the other Durable Goods industries, small increases were posted in Fabricated Metals, Stone, Clay and Glass, Primary Metals and Electrical Equipment. Among the Durable Goods industries only Transportation Equipment posted a moderate loss of 200 jobs. Within the Nondurable Goods sector, most industries were unchanged over-the-month. Minor losses within Apparel, Food and Kindred, Printing and Publishing accounted for the net loss of 300 jobs.

Wage and salaried employment increased by 11,000 from April 1984 to April 1985. Manufacturing increased by 2,700 jobs with 900 jobs added in Durable Goods Manufacturing and 1,800 jobs added in Nondurable Goods Manufacturing. Nonmanufacturing accounted for 75 per cent of the total 12-month gain, with 8,300 jobs added. Compared to last year at this time 12-month gain, with 8,300 jobs added. Compared to last year at this time the Services sector outpaced itself with 3,600 more jobs this year. The Construction industry, which began its steady climb in January 1984, topped its April 1984 level by 2,600 jobs. Unlike the monthly pattern, the major increase over year ago figures occurred in building construction followed by special trades. Nonbuilding construction, which contributed the bulk of the monthly gain, showed lower levels than last year. Other over-the-year increases occurred in Finance, Insurance and Real Estate with 1,100 jobs, State and Local Government with 800 jobs, Federal Government with 500 jobs, Wholesale Trade with 300 jobs and Transportation and Utilities with 400 jobs. The apparent sluggishness in Retail Trade earlier in the year contributed to this year's level falling below the more robust April 1984 level by 1,100 jobs. Notable among the losses were grocery stores, apparel and non-store retailers.

The Manufacturing sector continues to show only moderate advances over the 1984 levels in most industries. Electrical Equipment, encouraged by communication sales, made the largest increase with 1,400 jobs. Other gainers were Printing and Publishing with 700 jobs and Chemicals, primarily plastics and drugs, with 600 jobs. Smaller gains were registered in Fabricated Metals with 300 jobs, Lumber and Furniture with 200 jobs and Stone, Clay and Glass, Food and Kindred and Apparel each with 100 jobs gained over-the-year. Losses were recorded in two industries. Machinery, which in 1984 had made substantial gains over the 1983 levels, fell below the 1984 figures by 1,100 jobs. Minor losses were also posted in Transportation Equipment.

Total unemployment on a place-of-residence basis was 34,900 in April 1985 for 4.7 per cent of the labor force, compared to 38,500 in March 1985 for 5.2 per cent of the labor force and 42,500 in April 1984 for 5.8 per cent of the labor force.

Employment and Unemployment Forecast

The Area's May 1985 unemployment rate is expected to fall another two tenths of a percentage point from the revised April rate. Despite modest employment losses anticipated in Government as tax processors are laid off, the overall employment situation is expected to record further increases. Construction, Services and Retail Trade employment are all expected to contribute the bulk of employment increases over-the-month. Manufacturing

industries will continue to register little or no change. The unemployment rate is expected to be 4.5 per cent in May 1985, compared to 4.7 per cent in April 1985 and 5.4 per cent in Mary 1984.

The June 1985 unemployment rate will show the first increase of the year. Summer workers, students and school personnel on summer break will swell the civilian labor force and contribute to an increase in the number of jobless workers. Employment will continue to increase in Construction, Services and Trade. The Area's unemployment rate will rise above five per cent. The unemployment rate is expected to be 5.2 per cent of the labor force in June 1985, compared to 4.5 per cent in May 1985 and 5.3 per cent in June 1984.

Kansas City Area-
Missouri Job Service Statistics

Latest available data from the Employment Service Automated Reporting System (ESARS) indicated 35,319 applicants in the active file for Missouri Job Service offices in the Kansas City Area at the end of April 1985. Breakdowns of the figure according to applicant characteristics are as follows:

General Characteristics		Per Cent
Age:	Under 22	19.2
	22-44	66.4
	45 and over	14.4
Sex:	Male	60.1
	Female	39.9
Racial or Ethnic Group		
	Black	32.7
	Other Non-White	1.3
	Hispanic	2.1

Miscellaneous Characteristics	Per Cent
Unemployment Insurance Claimants	42.9
Veterans	20.0
Handicapped	2.2

SOURCE: SMSA 3760, ESARS Table 91, dated April 30, 1985.

Job Placements:

During April 1985, referrals to jobs by Missouri Job offices Service in the Kansas City Area totaled 9,071 and job placements totaled 2,430. There were 1,577 veteran referrals in April 1985, with 378 veteran placements. During March 1985, referrals to jobs by Missouri Job Service offices in the Kansas City Area totaled 8,970 and job placements totaled 1,925. There were 1,637 veteran referrals in March 1985, with 303 veteran placements.

SOURCE: SMSA 3760, ESARS Table 90, dated April 30, 1985.

Characteristics of the Insured Unemployed in the Kansas City Area (Missouri Side Only) April 1985

Insured Unemployed by Age and Sex

Age	Male Per Cent	Female Per Cent	Total Per Cent
Under 25	15.3	17.8	16.3
25-34	37.7	36.2	37.1
35-44	21.7	21.1	21.5
45-54	14.0	13.5	13.8
55-64	10.2	9.5	9.9
65 and over	0.8	2.0	1.2
Unreported	0.3	0.0	0.2

Insured Unemployed by Industry (SIC)

Industry	Per Cent
Agricultural	0.2
Mining	0.2
Construction	10.5
Manufacturing	22.3
Transportation, Communications & Utilities	6.3
Wholesale & Retail Trade	21.7
Finance, Insurance & Real Estate	3.8
Services	28.1
All Other	6.9
Information not available	0.0

Insured Unemployed by Occupation (DOT)

Occupation	Per Cent
Professional, Technical & Managerial	11.7
Clerical	18.6
Sales	5.0
Services	14.0
Farming, Forestry & Fishing	0.4
Processing	1.8
Machine Trades	5.8
Bench Work	5.8
Structural Work	10.5
Miscellaneous	15.7
Information not available	10.7

The number of insured unemployed counted for the above percentages was 6,335; 5,783 were male and 2,555 were female.

Table 1. Nonagricultural Wage & Salary Employment
(Place of Work)
(Benchmark — March 1984)

Area and State: Kansas City, Missouri-Kansas **Month and Year of Current:** April, 1985

Item	Number of Jobs			Net Change To Current Month From:	
	Current Mo.	1 Mo. Ago	1 Yr. Ago	1 Mo. Ago	1 Yr. Ago
I	II	III	IV	V	VI
Total Nonagricultural Wage & Salaried Employment	673,700	668,100	662,700	-5,600	+11,000
Total Manufacturing	121,000	120,700	118,500	+500	+2,700
Durable Goods	68,700	67,900	67,800	+800	+900
Lumber & Furniture	3,500	3,500	3,300	0	+200
Stone, Clay & Glass Products	3,700	3,600	3,600	+100	+100
Primary Metal Industries	4,100	4,000	4,100	+100	0
Fabricated Metal Products	9,700	9,500	9,400	+200	+300
Machinery Except Electrical	7,600	7,200	8,700	+400	-1,100
Electrical Equipment & Supplies	21,400	21,300	20,000	+100	+1,400
Transportation Equipment	14,900	15,000	15,000	-100	-100
Motor Vehicles & Equipment	(14,600)	(14,800)	(14,800)	(-200)	(-200)
Other Durable Goods	3,800	3,800	3,700	0	+100
Nondurable Goods	52,500	52,800	50,700	-300	+1,800
Food & Kindred Products	9,900	10,000	9,800	-100	+100
Apparel & Other Textile Products	2,700	2,800	2,600	-100	+100
Paper & Allied Products	5,400	5,400	5,400	0	0
Printing & Publishing	20,000	20,100	19,300	-100	+700
Chemicals & Allied Products	8,800	8,800	8,200	0	+600
Petroleum & Coal Products	600	600	600	0	0
Other Nondurable Goods	5,100	5,100	4,800	0	+300
Total Nonmanufacturing	552,500	547,400	544,200	+5,100	+8,300
Mining & Quarrying	700	700	600	0	+100
Construction	27,300	26,400	24,700	+900	+2,600
Transportation, Comm. & Utilities	51,500	51,500	51,100	0	+400
Wholesale & Retail Trade	169,000	167,700	169,800	+1,300	-800
Wholesale Trade	(53,000)	(52,700)	(52,700)	(+300)	(+300)
Retail Trade	(116,000)	(115,000)	(117,100)	(+1,000)	(-1,100)
Finance, Insurance & Real Estate	49,800	49,500	48,700	+300	+1,100
Services	149,800	147,200	146,200	+2,600	+3,600
Government	104,400	104,400	103,100	0	+1,300
Federal Government	(29,200)	(29,600)	(28,700)	(-400)	(+500)
State & Local Government	(75,200)	(74,800)	(74,400)	(+400)	(+800)
In Labor-Management Disputes	100	100	100	0	0

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Table 2. Production Workers Average Hours and Earnings in Manufacturing

Area and State: Kansas City, Missour-Kansas **Month and Year of Current Data: April, 1985**

Industry	Average Weekly Earnings			Average Weekly Hours			Average Hourly Earnings		
	Current Month	1 Mo. Ago	1 Yr. Ago	Current Month	1 Mo. Ago	1 Yr. Ago	Current Month	1 Mo. Ago	1 Yr. Ago
Total Manufacturing	$445.37	$447.12	$433.65	41.2	41.4	41.3	$10.81	$10.80	$10.50
Durable Goods	482.56	486.55	468.16	41.6	41.8	41.8	11.60	11.64	11.20
Lumber & Furniture	313.40	298.75	329.57	41.4	40.1	41.3	7.57	7.45	7.98
Stone, Clay & Glass Products	477.06	490.85	474.14	39.2	40.6	38.3	12.17	12.09	12.22
Primary Metal Industries	463.91	469.61	476.08	40.2	40.8	40.9	11.54	11.51	11.64
Fabricated Metal Products	376.94	362.31	375.36	40.1	39.0	40.8	9.40	9.29	9.20
Machinery Exc. Electrical	397.15	408.62	405.07	39.4	40.1	38.8	10.08	10.19	10.44
Electrical Equip. & Supplies	474.33	484.77	433.50	42.2	42.9	42.5	11.24	11.30	10.20
Transportation Equipment	659.34	659.18	636.48	44.4	44.3	44.2	14.85	14.88	14.40
Motor Vehicles & Equipment	(662.45)	(663.68)	(638.36)	(44.4)	(44.4)	(44.3)	(14.92)	(14.95)	(14.41)
Other Durable Goods	265.08	264.04	249.21	37.6	37.4	39.0	7.05	7.06	6.39
Nondurable Goods	383.67	382.70	375.44	40.6	40.8	40.5	9.45	9.38	9.27
Food & Kindred Products	422.99	411.28	405.92	42.9	42.4	43.0	9.96	9.70	9.44
Apparel & Other Textile Prod.	196.67	206.46	195.28	35.5	37.0	35.7	5.54	5.58	5.47
*Paper & Allied Products	369.87	372.13	372.50	39.9	40.1	40.8	9.27	9.28	9.13
Printing & Publishing	389.38	396.78	395.48	38.1	38.9	38.1	10.22	10.20	10.38
Chemicals & Allied Products	487.56	480.31	452.76	43.3	43.0	40.9	11.26	11.17	11.07
Petroleum & Coal Products	398.77	393.96	343.33	39.6	39.2	37.4	10.07	10.05	9.18
Other Nondurable Goods	295.25	300.18	283.34	42.3	42.7	42.3	6.98	7.03	6.71

* This series excludes industry 2771.

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St. Louis Labor Market Review

The St. Louis Area includes the City of St. Louis, and St. Louis, St. Charles, Jefferson and Franklin Counties in Missouri; and Clinton, Madison, Monroe, St. Clair and Jersey Counties in Illinois. The 1980 population for the Area was stated as 2,376,998 persons by the U.S. Bureau of the Census.

April, 1985

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Area Labor Force Developments

The St. Louis MSA unemployment rate increased from 7.7% in April. This unexpected increase, coming after the significant unemployment rate improvement in March, keeps the area's rate close to a level it has been hovering at for most of the past 12 months. Although total employment has registered substantial gains during this same period, unemployment has remained stubornly close to the 90,000 level. Unemployment stood at 91,900 in April, an increase of 2300 from March. Total employment added 11,800 workers over the month to stand at 1,091,800, a record high level. Over the year, unemployment declined by 6800 and total employment increased 28,600. The unemployment rate in April, 1984 was 8.5%. Nonmanufacturing continues to be responsible for almost all of the area's job creation during the past year. There were less than 50 labor disputants in April and March and only 100 strikers in April, 1984.

Manufacturing

Manufacturing employment rose 400 over the month. A seasonal increase of 300 workers occurred in the stone, clay and glass industry as construction activity increased in the metrol area. Primary metals continued to decline, losing 200 employees over the month. Motor vehicles, still affected by a temporary lay-off at a local assembler, remained stable. Industries registering small gains were nonelectrical machinery, electrical equipment, aircraft, food, and chemicals. Over the year, manufacturing has added only 100 workers. Imports and reduced demand continue to affect primary metals (-1100) and leather (-1000). Motor vehicles declined 300 because of the temporary lay-off. Industries registering significant gains were furniture, nonelectrical machinery, electrical equipment, and aircraft. The printing and chemical industries added 300 worker each.

Nonmanufacturing

Nonmanufacturing employment increased 7700 over the month. Sesaonal gains occurred in construction, retail trade, real estate, and services. Small gains were registered by mining, transportation, and government. Wholesale trade remained stable. Over the year, nonmanufacturing has added 22,500 workers. Continued strong construction activity and reduced interest rates have combined to cause construction employment to increase by 3000. Wholesale and retail trade added 8400 workers. Most sectors within trade have increased but the strongest growth occurred in department stores and restuarants. The service industry, up 7000, has been helped by increased demand in the business and miscellaneous professional services sectors. Railroads, down 200, is the only nonmanufacturing industry to register a decline.

Unemployment and Manpower Resources

State UI continued claimants in the MSA were down 3600 in April, from March. In the Missouri portion of the MSA they were down 2400 and in the Illinois portion they were down 1200.

The distribution of weeks claimed by intrastate Missouri resident claimants by industry attachment is as follows:

Industry	Jan. '85	Feb.	Mar.	Apr.
INA	1	2	2	4
Agriculture	71	147	91	51
Mining	34	31	34	20
Constructin	2316	4361	2792	1633
Manufacturing Total	3309	4652	5376	5590
Food	368	423	439	409
Textile	24	27	19	24
Apparel	206	170	138	223
Lumber	55	41	45	44
Furniture	62	57	78	70
Paper	79	79	125	116
Printing	133	172	172	187
Chemicals	135	139	139	150
Petroleum	14	18	15	18
Rubber	112	140	211	207
Leather	185	257	293	370
Stone	66	105	99	85
Primary Metal	195	221	228	207
Fabricated Metal	445	483	551	563
Machinery	113	115	147	153
Electrtical Machinery	249	172	239	331
Transportation Equip.	370	1384	1714	1696
Instruments	15	32	39	37
Miscellaneous	480	613	683	694
Public Utilities	769	873	921	915
Wholesale & Retail Tr.	1832	2302	2683	2337
Finance	252	237	289	277
Services	5148	5764	6045	5510
All Other	247	236	226	206
TOTAL	13979	18605	18459	16543

Of the 16,543 intrastate Missouri resident claimants in April, 1985, 61.9 percent were male and 38.1 percent were female.

Weeks Claimed (Reference Week)

Occupation	Jan. '85	Feb.	Mar.	Apr.
Prof., Tech. & Mgr.	1396	1472	1672	1592
Clerical	1920	2046	2302	2268
Sales	507	621	670	627
Farm, Fish & Forest	195	331	254	146
Processing	296	304	323	308
Machine Trades	1115	1215	1344	1368
Bench Work	710	767	891	941
Structural Work	1723	2470	2328	1841
Misc. Work	1840	2223	2326	2067
Domestic	51	46	43	31
Other Services	2032	2415	2605	2269
INA	2194	4695	3701	3085
TOTAL	13979	18605	18459	16543

Applications in file and placements made during the fiscal year beginning July 1, 1984 are distributed as follows:

	Female	Vets	-22	Min.	HDCP
Apps. in file, %	44.7	14.1	21.7	38.5	2.0
Placements, %	43.3	14.0	35.1	36.9	2.1

Available Job Oppportunties

The occupations percentage distribution of the openings received and filled during fiscal year 1985 by the Missouri State Employment Service is as follows:

Occupational Group	Openings Received Percent	Openings Filled Percent
Professional, Technical & Managerial	5.2	1.9
Clerical	18.3	15.2
Sales	15.2	17.5
Processing	1.2	1.4
Machine Trades	4.6	4.3
Bench Work	3.8	4.2
Structural Work	9.6	10.1
Motor Freight & Trans.	3.6	3.4
Packaging & Material Handling	9.5	13.2
Domestic	1.1	1.0
Other Services	26.4	26.5
Other Occupations	1.5	1.3

Unemployment Rate Outlook

The unemployment rate in May, 1985 is expected to be 7.6% and in June, 8.0%.

Table 1. Nonagricultural Wage & Salary Employment
(Place of Work)

Area and State: St. Louis, Mo.-Ill. Met. Area **Month and Year of Current:** April, 1985

Item	Number of Jobs			Net Change To Current Month From:	
	Current Mo.	1 Mo. Ago	1 Yr. Ago	1 Mo. Ago	1 Yr. Ago
I	II	III	IV	V	VI
Nonagricultural Wage & Salary, Total	1,053,300	1,045,700	1,031,200	+8,100	+22,600
Percent Change				-(0.8)	+(2.2)
Manufacturing	226,300	225,900	226,200	+400	+100
Durable Goods	142,800	142,500	141,500	+300	+1,300
Lumber & Furniture	5,100	5,100	4,800	0	+300
Stone, Clay & Glass	3,500	3,200	3,600	+300	-100
Primary Metal Industries	14,500	14,700	15,600	-200	-1,100
Fabricated Metal Products	17,500	17,600	17,500	-100	0
Machinery, Except Electrical	19,000	18,900	18,500	+100	+500
Electrical & Electronic Equip.	15,200	15,100	14,500	+100	+700
Transportation Equipment	54,800	54,700	54,000	+100	+800
Motor Vehicles	17,900	17,900	18,200	0	-300
Aircraft & Parts	36,200	36,100	34,600	+100	+1,600
Instruments & Misc. Mfg.	13,200	13,200	13,000	0	+200
Nondurable Goods	83,500	83,400	84,700	+100	-1,200
Food & Kindred Products	21,300	21,200	21,400	+100	-100
Meat Products	1,400	1,400	1,400	0	0
Beverages	8,500	8,500	8,400	0	+100
Textiles & Apparel	6,800	6,800	6,900	0	-100
Paper & Paper Products	5,700	5,700	5,800	0	-100
Printing & Publishing	16,600	16,600	16,300	0	+300
Chemical & Allied Products	20,800	20,700	20,500	+100	+300
Petroleum & Coal Products	2,400	2,400	2,400	0	0
Leather & Leather Products	4,700	4,800	5,700	-100	-1,000
Other Nondurable Goods	5,200	5,200	5,700	0	-500
Nonmanufacturing	827,500	819,800	805,000	+7,700	+22,500
Mining	3,600	3,500	3,300	+100	+300
Construction	48,100	46,700	45,100	+1,400	+3,000
Transportation & Public Utilities	73,400	73,200	73,300	+200	+100
Railroads	7,300	7,300	7,500	0	-200
Transportation, Except Railroads	38,800	38,700	38,800	+100	0
Communications & Public Utilities	27,300	27,200	27,000	+100	+300
Wholesale & Retail Trade	248,500	246,900	240,100	+1,600	+8,400
Wholesale Trade	65,000	65,000	64,000	0	+1,000
Retail Trade	183,500	181,900	176,100	+1,600	+7,400
Finance, Insurance & Real Estate	63,100	62,700	61,700	+400	+1,400
Service, Except Domestic	251,500	247,700	244,500	+3,800	+7,000
Total Government	139,300	139,100	137,000	+200	+2,300
Total Federal Government	37,700	37,700	37,100	0	+600
Total State & Local Government	101,600	101,400	99,900	+200	+1,700
Persons Involved in Labor-Management Disputes	0	0	100	0	-100

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Table 2. Average Hours & Earnings of Production and Related Workers in Manufacturing

Area and State: St. Louis Metropolitan Area **Month and Year of Current Data: April, 1985**

Industry	Average Weekly Earnings			Average Weekly Hours			Average Hourly Earnings		
	Current Month	1 Mo. Ago	1 Yr. Ago	Current Month	1 Mo. Ago	1 Yr. Ago	Current Month	1 Mo. Ago	1 Yr. Ago
Total Manufacturing	$435.91	$439.79	$443.72	39.7	40.2	41.9	$10.98	$10.94	$10.59
Durable Goods	458.61	461.35	468.04	40.3	40.9	42.9	11.38	11.28	10.91
Lumber & Furniture	330.85	330.00	328.86	39.2	39.1	40.5	8.44	8.44	8.12
Stone, Clay & Glass Products	390.92	388.13	353.05	36.5	37.5	35.2	10.71	10.35	10.04
Primary Metal Industries	457.06	453.16	477.96	38.8	38.6	42.0	11.78	11.74	11.38
Fabricated Metal Products	424.15	424.15	425.88	41.1	41.3	42.0	10.32	10.27	10.14
Machinery, Exc. Electrical	447.23	449.63	443.56	40.4	41.1	41.3	11.07	10.94	10.74
Elect & Electronic Equip.	318.45	326.80	316.80	38.6	40.0	40.0	8.25	8.17	7.92
Transportation Equipment	587.73	591.41	604.76	42.9	43.2	47.1	13.70	13.69	12.84
Instruments & Misc. Mfg.	272.21	288.75	277.25	34.5	37.5	38.4	7.89	7.70	7.22
Nondurable Goods	397.45	401.45	401.80	38.7	38.9	40.1	10.27	10.32	10.02
Food & Kindred Products	475.56	480.29	507.58	39.4	39.4	41.0	12.07	12.19	12.38
Textiles & Apparel	198.99	206.96	207.86	33.9	34.9	38.0	5.87	5.93	5.47
Paper & Paper Products	417.49	421.34	419.48	41.5	41.8	41.8	10.06	10.08	9.87
Printing & Publishing	376.38	389.25	387.88	36.9	37.5	38.3	10.20	10.38	10.13
Chemicals & Allied Prods.	470.20	464.22	450.84	41.5	40.9	41.9	11.33	11.35	10.76
Petroleum & Coal Products	607.43	605.15	615.90	43.3	42.2	43.1	14.36	14.34	14.29
Leather & Leather Products	187.06	182.85	190.28	34.9	34.5	36.7	5.36	5.30	5.33
Other Nondurable Goods	308.07	307.33	313.18	38.8	39.2	40.1	7.94	7.84	7.81

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Springfield Labor Market Review

(Greene and Christian Counties)

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Civilian Labor Force, Employment and Unemployment

The Springfield MSA labor force expanded by 500 from March to reach 118,200 in April. Approximately 6,200 persons were unemployed in April, the same as one month earlier and one year ago. The April rate of unemployment, estimated at 5.2 percent of the labor force, shows no change from March. The April 1984 rate was calculated at 5.3 percent.

Nonagricultural Wage & Salary Employment

Payrolled employment, estimated at 95,500 rose 600 from March. Despite recent reductions in manufacturing jobs, April represents the third consecutive month in which nonagricultural employment recorded an increase over the previous month. This trend is seasonal in nature and reflects normal gains in the nonmanufacturing sector.

Manufacturing employment fell 200 from March to an estimated 19,000 in April. During the first four months of 1985, the are has lost a total of 400 manufacturing jobs. The entire drop occurred in the durable goods manufacturing segment.

Seasonal influences pushed nonmanufacturing jobs up from a total of 75,700 in March to 76,500 in April. During the 30 days, significant employment increases are noted in construction, trade and services..

Hours and Earnings

Average hourly earnings of manufacturing production and related workers rose from $8.52 in March to $8.63 in April. The average factory workweek, estimated at 39.7 hours for April, continues to be below that of the corresponding month of 1984. During April 1984, hourly wage averaged $8.30 and average weekly hours worked amounted to 40.4.

Employment and Unemployment Outlook

Overall payrolled employment will inch above the April level during May. Continued activity in construction

Table 1. Nonagricultural Wage & Salary Employment

(Place of Work)

(Benchmark — March, 1984)

Area and State: Springfield, Missouri **Month and Year of Current: April, 1985**

Item	Number of Jobs			Net Change To Current Month From:	
	Current Mo.	1 Mo. Ago	1 Yr. Ago	1 Mo. Ago	1 Yr. Ago
I	II	III	IV	V	VI
Total Nonag. Wage & Salary, Employment (Exc. Domestics)	95,500	94,900	94,500	+600	+1,000
Manufacturing	19,000	19,200	19,400	-200	-400
Durable Goods	9,900	10,100	10,200	-200	-300
Lumber & Wood (Inc. Furn.)	900	900	900	0	0
Other Durable Goods	9,000	9,200	9,300	-200	-300
Nondurable Goods	9,100	9,100	9,200	0	-100
Food Processing	3,900	3,800	3,800	+100	+100
Printing & Publishing	1,600	1,600	1,600	0	0
Other Nondurable Goods	3,600	3,700	3,800	-100	-200
Nonmanufacturing	76,500	75,700	75,100	+800	+1,400
Mining	100	100	100	0	0
Construction	3,500	3,300	3,200	+200	+300
Transportation & Utilities	6,000	6,000	6,200	0	-200
Trade	26,000	25,700	25,600	+300	+400
Finance, Insurance & Real Estate	4,400	4,400	4,300	0	+100
Services	23,400	23,100	23,000	+300	+400
Government	13,100	13,100	12,700	0	+400
Federal	1,700	1,700	1,700	0	0
State and Local	11,400	11,400	11,000	0	+400
Persons Involved in Labor-Management Disputes	0	0	0	0	0

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coupled with anticipated gains in industries associated with tourism should provide enough buoyancy to more than offset any reductions in manufacturing jobs.

Very little change in the number of unemployed persons and the rate of unemployment is expected during May. During June, a slight to moderate increase in the rate of unemployment can be expected as students enter the labor force.

Table 2. Gross Average Hours and Earnings for Production and Related Workers in Manufacturing Industries

Area and State: Springfield, Missouri **Month and Year of Current Data: April, 1985**

Industry	Average Weekly Earnings			Average Weekly Hours			Average Hourly Earnings		
	Current Month	1 Mo. Ago	1 Yr. Ago	Current Month	1 Mo. Ago	1 Yr. Ago	Current Month	1 Mo. Ago	1 Yr. Ago
Total Manufacturing	$342.61	$338.30	$335.32	39.7	39.8	40.4	$8.63	$8.52	$8.30
Durable Goods	340.98	331.67	332.77	40.4	40.3	40.6	8.44	8.23	7.95
Nondurable Goods	345.71	347.10	353.68	38.8	39.0	40.1	8.91	8.90	8.82
Food & Kindred Products	373.97	387.57	412.46	39.7	41.1	43.6	9.42	9.43	9.46
Other Nondurable Goods	331.78	326.80	321.64	38.4	38.0	38.2	8.64	8.60	8.42

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